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BANGKOK FOR US CIVAIR DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH BURMA

REF: (A) RANGOON 3001

 B) STATE 234230

1. SUMMARY. IN REJECTING TALKS AT THIS TIME GUB HAS ALTERED ITS POSITION ON US-BURMA CIVAIR TALKS, AND IS NOW CALLING FOR COMPLETELY NEW AGREEMENT RATHER THAN AMENDING PRESENT BILATERAL TREATY. THE GUB HAS REQUESTED THAT A US NEGOTIATING TEAM VISIT RANGOON IN FEBRUARY 1975. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA HAS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED UNSUITABILITY OF NOVEMBER FOR CIVAIR TALKS. PRESS OF BUDGET PREPARATION AND OTHER BUSINESS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POSTPONEMENT.

3. MFA SPOKESMAN SUGGESTED WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 1975, AS A SUITABLE DATE FOR USG DELEGATION TO COME TO RANGOON TO NEGOTIATE NEW AIR AGREEMENT. HE STATED THAT PRESENT US-BURMA AGREEMENT WAS CONSIDERABLY OUT OF LINE WITH CURRENT GUB POLICIES. IT WOULD, ACCORDING TO THE MFA OFFICIAL WHO IS ALSO MEMBER OF THE BURMESE NEGOTIATING TEAM, BE TOO COMPLICATED TO SIMPLY AMEND PRESENT TREATY.

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4. EMBOFF TOLD BOTH MFA AND CIVIL AIR OFFICIALS THAT IT WOULD POSSIBLY BE SEVERAL MONTHS UNTIL ANOTHER USG DELEGATION WOULD BE IN THIS AREA, AND THAT SCHEDULING CONSIDERATIONS COULD PRECLUDE SENDING A DELEGATION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH THE BURMESE. THEY DID NOT APPEAR TO BE CONCERNED AT FURTHER DELAY.

5. COMMENT. EMBASSY FEELS THAT POSTPONEMENT IS TO USG ADVANTAGE. REQUESTED SIX MONTH EXTENSION OF TWA OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS EXPECTED TO BE ROUTINELY GRANTED. BY THE TIME OF THE EXPIRATION OF THE RIGHTS NEXT MAY IT MAY WELL NOT BE NECESSARY TO ASK AGAIN IN VIEW OF CURRENT PANAM-TWA DISCUSSIONS, THUS MAKING ISSUE OF OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS LESS TROUBLESOME IN CIVAIR TALKS.

6. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT WE INFORM THE MFA THAT THE USG WILL BE CONSIDERING A SUITABLE DATE NEXT YEAR AND WILL NOTIFY THE GUB WHEN A FEASIBLE DATE HAS BEEN DETERMINED.
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